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I have given serious consideration to the proposal which you made in your letter of February 14th, and have with reluctance decided not to accept it. This decision was the result of long-term academic considerations, and does not in any way reflect on the details of the proposal which were very generous indeed.

The decision was a particularly difficult one on the financial side, since my salary here is not sufficient to cover expenses. The ultimate advantage nevertheless appears to lie with a concentration on academic work, and I would find it hard to justify taking off an entire summer at this point.

Sincerely yours,

CEB:ED

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